

# American Heritage Week

## For the third year JSC celebrates its diverse culture

Employees celebrated their heritage this month in a week long celebration that highlighted JSC's cultural, ethnic and racial diversity. Employees were given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the rich heritage represented within the JSC team.

This year's celebration of American Heritage was celebrated for the entire week instead of just one day and marks the third year JSC has held the event.

From left to right, top to bottom;

1) JSC employees drive around the center in a decorated float heralding the grand finale celebration;

2) Czech dancers Donna and Gunter Merkle entertain employees at the Gilruth Center;

3) JSC employees, lead by Andy Sylvester of the Automation, Robotics and Simulation Division, get together to sing a variety of songs for the lunch time



crowd in the Bldg. 3 cafeteria;

4) The Young Performing Stars of Texas entertain employees during the grand finale of American Heritage Week;

5) Priyanka Patel performs a traditional Indian dance;

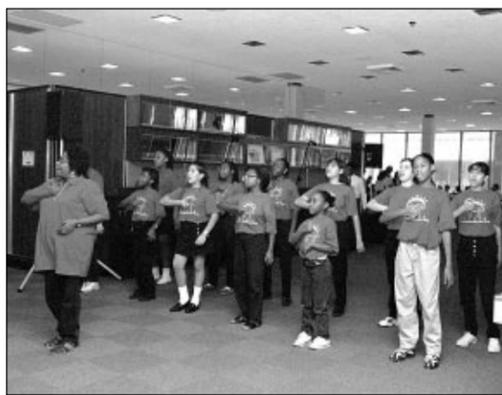
6) JSC Director George Abbey welcomes Houston Oiler Rodney Thomas to the cultural celebration at the Gilruth Center;

7) The Aldine Y.O.U.T.H. Group sings and signs music before the lunch crowd in the Bldg. 3 cafeteria;

8) Astronaut Scott Altman signs autographs during the grand finale celebration at the Gilruth Center;

9) The Houston Philippine Group perform tradition dances during American Heritage Week;

10) Native American Jerry Elliot, right, opens the grand finale celebration with a song and Dale Anderson sang the Star Spangled Banner. □



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